

## ***We work together.***

***When your residents elect hospice care, they don't have to give up the care they are currently receiving in your Assisted Living Community. Instead, our hospice team and your team form a partnership to coordinate care. Working together, the hospice team will supplement the care your community provides, supporting the family, resident and your team. Together, we collaborate with your team to coordinate the services for the resident based on his or her needs.***

## **Who Provides Care in the Assisted Living Community?**

Hospice interdisciplinary team members specialize in end-of-life care and visit based on the resident's individualized plan of care. You may expect to have any member of the hospice team providing care to the resident, including physicians, hospice aides, nurses, chaplains, social workers, counselors and volunteers. These team members play a critical role in helping the resident and your team address emotional, spiritual, physical and ethical concerns.

- Social workers or counselors provide support for each resident, family and your team
- Hospice aides supplement the personal care provided by your team
- Hospice provides residents with medications, supplies and equipment related to their hospice diagnosis as identified in their plan of care
- When appropriate to the hospice plan of care, residents can receive on-site therapies
- Hospice residents and their families can benefit from advance care planning

## **How Does Hospice Help?**

- Nurses provide expertise in pain and symptom management
- Hospice can provide educational programs for your team
- Chaplains provide spiritual support unique to each resident, including on-site religious services
- Support for the family and your team at the time of and following a resident's death

# Benefits of Hospice

Intensive pain and symptom management which eliminates or reduces unnecessary hospitalizations/ ER visits, enabling your residents to remain in your community

Medications, DME and supplies related to the hospice diagnosis are provided which relieves some of the financial burden on your residents and their families, allowing them to remain in your community longer

Expertise and availability of an RN 24/7 who can respond to pain and symptom issues so that your Wellness Coordinator or nurse does not have to return to the community after hours

Customized end-of-life education for your caregivers which will increase their comfort level in caring for your hospice residents

Specialized hospice team members to communicate with and support families whether near or far which increases family satisfaction

***You play an important role in providing end-of-life care choices for your residents.***

